

# Reception Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> April 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we read the story 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson. The children really enjoyed the story and discussed that some mummy animals do not look like their babies for example, butterflies and caterpillars. We have been keeping an eye on our class caterpillars and are beginning to notice their changes. The children enjoyed describing their mummies, making jungle books and writing about the animals from the story. In Maths, we have been exploring numbers up to 20 using tens and ones to make the numbers.

In Phonics, we have continued looking at cvcc words (see below for this week's phonics). In handwriting, we have been practicing the letter 'W' (Down and up down and up the waves). Please find attached the handwriting sheet to practice at home.

Next week, we will be reading the story 'Oi frog' by Kes Gray. We will be talking about the life cycle of a frog. In Maths, we will be looking at adding and taking away from a given number within 10.

## Requests:

In a couple of weeks, we will be doing some planting in the outdoor classroom. Please could we ask each class to get:

- 2 bags of soil (for outdoors)
- Bags of seeds that can be planted at this time of year

Please can we get this by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** 😊

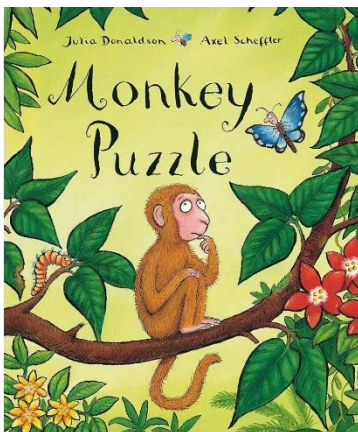
## Future dates:

4.5.26 - BANK HOLIDAY

7.5.26 - Big me day (info to follow)

*Notice: Swimming Contributions are still outstanding. Please check your Arbor account and make payment towards the swimming sessions. Payments will need to be completed before the end of June 2026.*

Many thanks and have a great weekend!  
The Reception Team



Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -

s	a	t	i	n	m	d	g
o	c	k	ck	e	u	r	h
b	f	l	ff	ll	ss	j	v
w	x	y	z	zz	qu	ch	sh
th	ng	nk	ai	ee	igh	oa	oo/oo
ar	or	ur	ow	oi	ear	air	er

We will be reading and writing words. Can you spot segment and blend these words and spot this week's phonemes?

thank	champ	bench	shift
cost	shrink	crack	smell
dress	bring	truck	milk

We will be reading sentences. Can you spot any tricky words? Can you segment and blend the words and look out for this week's phonemes?

The chimp sits on the bench to munch a carrot.

I cannot swim in the pond with the frogs.

Bring me the milk so I can make a hot drink.

We will be practising tricky words. Can you spot the tricky part of the word?

some	come	love	do
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Down and up and down and up the waves.

